

NORTHWEST GEORGIA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, September 2013

Meeting Opened: President Keri Davidson, 7:30 pm

Present: Keri Davidson, Jessica Nguyen, Linda Pechenino, Nikki VanWyke, Karen Fallon, Jett Casey, and Kate (Lost Mountain, Bootsie Bentley representative) Nikki (Paulding County) and Jessica (Bartow).

Minutes for July and August passed to members and minutes were discussed: Minor changes made.

Treasurer unable to attend (email sent for review).

Federation notes: Federation members discussed splitting of pleasure and running committees. Northwest officers seemed to agree that this would be a good solution. This is an item to be discussed and considered at future Federation meetings.

Show Sheet (Pleasure) from 2013 – 2014 was reviewed . Registration form for payment and class sign up was reviewed (“pink” sheet) reviewed. No changes were made to our last running show sheet.

Northwest show workers: Discussion concerning the lack of riders/exhibitors who actually work at the “All Clubs Work NWGHA Show” Various ideas were discussed. Additionally, discussion on not giving riders points who sign up for points after 50% of the scheduled shows have been held.

Motion made by Nikki, seconded Jessica for the following:

Part 1: Riders/exhibitors may not sign up to earn points after 50% of the sanctioned and scheduled shows have been held.

Part 2: Riders/exhibitors signing up to earn points at the NWGHA All Clubs Work Shows are required to work (1) hour on Saturday or Sunday OR pay \$10 (work required at 1 show only). If a rider pays \$10, a rider/exhibitor will not need to work (1 hour) at the show (someone will be found to work the 1 hour requirement). A representative or family member may work a rider/exhibitor's 1 hour, but they need to sign up to work that rider/exhibitor's hour. Work hour (1) is per rider/exhibitor not per family. Riders/exhibitors must sign in on the work sign up sheet to be credited for the time worked. If a rider/exhibitor does not work their hour (1) or pay \$10, then penalties will occur. The penalties include a \$25 fine AND points from the NWGHA All Clubs Work Show will be forfeited and the show will not count as a “participated show” needed for showing in at least 51% of the sanctioned shows. See note: volunteers are always needed, and additional time worked is appreciated.

Positions: Announcer & assistant, Office Registration (2) & runner, Comptroller, Ring Steward & relief person(s), Gate (NMT 2 at a time), show start up duties (9 am) , show closing & grounds cleaning) , arena dragging, and other miscellaneous jobs as announced by the announcer. See sign up sheet.

Discussion held concerning the need for a paid computer person to get information entered so the shows can start on time and be accurate as to riders/exhibitors.

Motion made Linda, seconded Jessica: NWGHA is authorized to hire a person to run the computer at NWGHA All Club Work Shows. Payment of \$125.00, work from 9 am to 3 pm. Motion passed.

Clarification of change to Federation Walk/Trot class. Age changes are: Smallfry 12 & Under, Youth 13 – 19, Adult 20 & Over. Additionally, Federation changed the Walk/Trot classes to beginner. This is not clearly defined. Riders may check the Federation rules. At the NWGHA shows a beginner rider may only enter beginner classes, halter, showmanship, or racking. Riders may not enter a lope or canter class to remain as eligible to earn points in beginner classes.

Clarification concerning payment of club sanctioned show fees (\$250): Ideally payment would be shortly after the show is held; however, consideration can be made for payment for a short delay. Fees must be paid before the clubs members can “officially” keep the points earned.

Dragging of the arena at our shows may need to be done by using the available drag equipment at Bartow using a personal vehicle by volunteer. This issue to be determined at the time needed.

Additionally, a volunteer doing the dragging may use that duty as their work requirement.

Lost Mountain requested information concerning the need for a club checking account. Checking account is needed to insure proper tracking of club payment and refunds.

2013 – 2014 NWGHA Show Schedule is as follows:

October 2013	All Clubs Work Show
November 2013	Bartow Work Show
March 2014	Paulding County Work Show
April 2014	Bartow Money Show
May 2014	Paulding County Money Show
June 2014	Lost Mountain Work Show

Note: NWGHA has the responsibility for putting on the 2014 – 2015 State Show. We need to do planning soon.

2012 – 2013 Awards Banquet: Event to be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Linda Pechenino, NWGHA Secretary